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Session 1: Word List

diverge

v. to move or extend in different directions from a common point; to branch off or deviate from a path or course

synonym: separate, split, part

(1) **diverge** from tradition, (2) **diverge** from the main topic

As tectonic plates **diverge**, new oceanic crust is formed along mid-ocean ridges.

cockpit

n. the area in an aircraft or spacecraft from which the pilot controls the aircraft or spacecraft

synonym: flight deck, control room, bridge

(1) navigator's **cockpit**, (2) **cockpit** ship

The pilot sat in the **cockpit** of the airplane.

walkway

n. a path or trail for people to walk on, typically in a park or garden

synonym: pathway, footpath, trail

(1) install a **walkway**, (2) **walkway** bridge

The **walkway** through the park was a popular spot for joggers and walkers.

pave

v. to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use

synonym : surface, coat, cover

(1) **pave** a new path, (2) **pave** a smoother road

They **paved** the courtyard with bricks, giving it a more polished appearance.

resourceful

adj. showing creativity and ability to find quick and practical solutions to problems

synonym : inventive, imaginative, clever

(1) **resourceful** thinker, (2) **resourceful** cook in town

She was **resourceful** and found a solution to the problem on her own.

obligatory

adj. required by a rule, law, or social convention; compulsory

synonym : mandatory, required, compulsory

(1) **obligatory** audit, (2) an **obligatory** subject

Attending the meeting was **obligatory** for all employees.

meander

v. to wander or roam aimlessly or leisurely; to follow a winding or circuitous course, as a river or road

synonym : wander, zigzag, twist

(1) **meander** down the river, (2) **meander** aimlessly

We decided to **meander** through the park and enjoy the scenery.

whiteboard

n. a smooth, hard writing surface, typically white, that can be written on with dry-erase markers and easily erased

(1) **whiteboard** marker, (2) **whiteboard** animation

Let's brainstorm ideas on the **whiteboard** for the new project.

oncology

n. the branch of medicine that deals with the study and treatment of tumors, especially malignancies

synonym : cancer treatment, study of tumors

(1) **oncology** center, (2) modern **oncology** treatment

The pharmaceutical company unveiled its latest breakthrough drug for the **oncology** market.

nauseous

adj. causing a feeling of nausea or sickness, often due to an unpleasant taste or smell; affected by a feeling of nausea or discomfort

synonym : sickening, queasy, abhorrent

(1) become **nauseous**, (2) **nauseous** stomach

The smell of the fish made me feel **nauseous**.

chemo

n. short for chemotherapy, a treatment for cancer that uses drugs to destroy cancer cells

synonym : chemotherapy, antineoplastic

(1) **chemo** patient, (2) **chemo-radiotherapy**

The side effects of **chemo**, such as nausea and hair loss, were a major concern for the patient.

arsenal

n. a collection of weapons or military equipment stored in preparation for war or conflict; a collection of resources or tools available for use in a particular field or endeavor

synonym : storage, stockpile, armory

(1) **arsenal** of knowledge, (2) political **arsenal**

The police found a hidden **arsenal** of weapons in the suspect's house.

empathy

n. the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation

synonym : compassion, sympathy, tenderness

(1) full of **empathy**, (2) **empathy** for patients

Empathy is also necessary to understand history.

secondly

adv. used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc.

synonym : in the second place, next, subsequently

(1) **secondly** connected, (2) **secondly**, it is important

Firstly, we will discuss the budget; **secondly**, we will go over the schedule.

Session 2: Spelling

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| 1. me_____r aimlessly | <i>v.</i> to wander or roam aimlessly or leisurely; to follow a winding or circuitous course, as a river or road |
| 2. modern on_____gy treatment | <i>n.</i> the branch of medicine that deals with the study and treatment of tumors, especially malignancies |
| 3. navigator's co_____t | <i>n.</i> the area in an aircraft or spacecraft from which the pilot controls the aircraft or spacecraft |
| 4. ch__o-radiotherapy | <i>n.</i> short for chemotherapy, a treatment for cancer that uses drugs to destroy cancer cells |
| 5. se_____ly connected | <i>adv.</i> used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc. |
| 6. an obl_____ry subject | <i>adj.</i> required by a rule, law, or social convention; compulsory |
| 7. on_____gy center | <i>n.</i> the branch of medicine that deals with the study and treatment of tumors, especially malignancies |
| 8. se_____ly, it is important | <i>adv.</i> used to introduce the second point or item in a list or series of statements, considerations, etc. |
| 9. whi_____rd marker | <i>n.</i> a smooth, hard writing surface, typically white, that can be written on with dry-erase markers and easily erased |

ANSWERS: 1. meander, 2. oncology, 3. cockpit, 4. chemo, 5. secondly, 6. obligatory, 7. oncology, 8. secondly, 9. whiteboard

10. install a wa____y *n.* a path or trail for people to walk on, typically in a park or garden
11. res_____ul cook in town *adj.* showing creativity and ability to find quick and practical solutions to problems
12. res_____ul thinker *adj.* showing creativity and ability to find quick and practical solutions to problems
13. obl_____ry audit *adj.* required by a rule, law, or social convention; compulsory
14. na_____us stomach *adj.* causing a feeling of nausea or sickness, often due to an unpleasant taste or smell; affected by a feeling of nausea or discomfort
15. em_____y for patients *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
16. di_____e from tradition *v.* to move or extend in different directions from a common point; to branch off or deviate from a path or course
17. full of em_____y *n.* the ability to share another person's feelings or experiences by imagining that person's situation
18. political ar_____l *n.* a collection of weapons or military equipment stored in preparation for war or conflict; a collection of resources or tools available for use in a particular field or endeavor
19. ch__o patient *n.* short for chemotherapy, a treatment for cancer that uses drugs to destroy cancer cells

ANSWERS: 10. walkway, 11. resourceful, 12. resourceful, 13. obligatory, 14. nauseous, 15. empathy, 16. diverge, 17. empathy, 18. arsenal, 19. chemo

20. di_____e from the main topic *v.* to move or extend in different directions from a common point; to branch off or deviate from a path or course
21. ar_____l of knowledge *n.* a collection of weapons or military equipment stored in preparation for war or conflict; a collection of resources or tools available for use in a particular field or endeavor
22. p__e a new path *v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
23. co_____t ship *n.* the area in an aircraft or spacecraft from which the pilot controls the aircraft or spacecraft
24. wa_____y bridge *n.* a path or trail for people to walk on, typically in a park or garden
25. p__e a smoother road *v.* to cover something with a hard, flat material such as stones, bricks, or concrete, to make it suitable for travel or use
26. become na_____us *adj.* causing a feeling of nausea or sickness, often due to an unpleasant taste or smell; affected by a feeling of nausea or discomfort
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Session 3: Fill in the Blanks

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7. Attending the meeting was _____ for all employees.
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ANSWERS: 8. secondly, 9. nauseous, 10. resourceful, 11. diverge, 12. arsenal, 13. walkway, 14. oncology